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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

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6. Review of sectoral clusters, first phase:

   (a) Health, human settlements and freshwater;

   (b) Toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes.

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9. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission.

10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its second session.

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Annotations

Item 1. Election of officers

1. Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1) provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required. At the first session, the Commission elected, in addition to a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen, one of whom served also as Rapporteur.

2. The membership of the Commission in 1994 is given in annex II below.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

3. Rule 7 of the rules of procedure provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

4. In decision 1993/314, the Economic and Social Council approved the provisional agenda for the second session of the Commission.

Item 3. General discussion on progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, focusing on the cross-sectoral components of Agenda 21 and the critical elements of sustainability

5. At its first session, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to prepare an annual overview report on progress made in the implementation of Agenda 21, which should focus on the cross-sectoral components of Agenda 21 and the critical elements of sustainability and should contain an analysis of progress made, the main trends and the main problems countries face in the implementation of Agenda 21 (E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, para. 28 (a)).

6. In 1994, in accordance with the multi-year thematic programme of work adopted by the Commission at its first session, the focus of the cluster entitled "Critical elements of sustainability" is to be chapters 2 and 4 of Agenda 21 (see E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, sect. A, annex, sect. II.A).

Documentation

Overview of cross-sectoral issues (E/CN.17/1994/2 and Add.1)

Report on national information provided to the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/1994/9 and Add.1)

Item 4. Financial resources and mechanisms

7. At its first session, recognizing its mandate to review the adequacy of the financial resources available for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Commission decided to establish an Inter-sessional Ad Hoc, Open-ended Working

Group on Finance to assist it in its work (E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, para. 61). The Working Group met from 28 February to 2 March 1994. The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group.

Documentation

Report of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Finance (E/CN.17/1994/10)

Documentation for information

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Financial resources and mechanism for sustainable development: overview of current issues and developments" (E/CN.17/ISWG.II/1994/2)

Item 5. Education, science, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building

8. In 1994, in accordance with the Commission's multi-year thematic programme of work, the focus of the cluster entitled "Education, science, transfer of environmentally sound technolo,ies, cooperation and capacity building" is to be chapters 34 and 37 of Agenda 21 (see E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, sect. A, annex, sect. II.C)

9. At its first session, recognizing its mandate to review progress concerning the transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Commission decided to establish an Inter-sessional Ad Hoc, Open-ended Working Group on Technology Transfer and Cooperation to assist it in its work (E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, para. 50). The Working Group met from 23-25 February 1994. The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group.

Documentation

Report of the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Technology Transfer and Cooperation (E/CN.17/1994/11)

Documentation for information

Report of the Secretary-General on the transfer of environmentally sound technology, cooperation and capacity-building (E/CN.17/ISWG.I/1994/2)

Item 6. Review of sectoral clusters, first phase (a) Health, human settlements and freshwater (b) Toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes

10. In accordance with its multi-year thematic programme of work, the Commission is to consider the following sectoral clusters in 1994: (a) health, human settlements and freshwater; and (b) toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes (E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, sect. A, annex, sect. II.I).

11. At its first session, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to prepare thematic reports, corresponding to the Agenda 21 sectoral clusters to be

included in the agendas of forthcoming sessions of the Commission, in accordance with its multi-year thematic programme of work (E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, para. 28 (b)).

Documentation

Thematic report on health (E/CN.17/1994/3)

Thematic report on freshwater (E/CN.17/1994/4)

Thematic report on human settlements (E/CN.17/1994/5)

Thematic report on toxic chemicals (E/CN.17/1994/6)

Thematic report on hazardous wastes (E/CN.17/1994/7)

Item 7. Other matters

Item 8. High-level meeting

12. In resolution 47/191, the General Assembly recommended that the Commission, at its first substantive session, adopt a multi-year thematic programme of work, including a high-level meeting, with ministerial participation, to have an integrated overview of the implementation of Agenda 21, to consider emerging policy issues and to provide necessary political impetus to the implementation of the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the commitments contained therein.

13. At its first session, the Commission decided that, as a rule, its high-level meetings should last for a period of up to three days and that they should be integral parts of the session of the Commission and of its decision-making process. The organization of work of the high-level meetings should, inter alia, provide for an open exchange of views among the participants, as well as for holding informal meetings, as the need arose, to resolve outstanding issues related to its work that required high-level consideration. The result of the meeting could be a concise document, should the participants deem that appropriate.

14. Also at its first session, the Commission recommended that the report of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, containing its expert advice on issues relating to the implementation of Agenda 21, be submitted to the Commission through the Secretary-General (E/1993/25/Add.1, chap. I, para. 17).

Documentation

Report on new and emerging issues (E/CN.17/1994/8)

Report of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development

Item 9. Provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission

15. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General shall submit a draft provisional agenda for the Commission's forthcoming session, indicating in respect of each agenda item the documents to be submitted under that item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current situation.

Item 10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its second session

16. In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission reports to the Council on the work of each session.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The proposed organization of work for the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development has been drawn up on the basis of the decisions taken by the Commission at its organizational session and on informal consultations conducted by the Chairman with the Bureau.

Proposed programme of work

Week of 16-20 May

Monday, 16 May

a.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 3	General discussion on progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, focusing on the cross-sectoral components of Agenda 21 and the critical elements of sustainability
p.m.	Item 3	Continued

Tuesday, 17 May

a.m. and p.m.	Item 3	Continued

Wednesday, 18 May

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m.	Item 4	Financial resources and mechanisms

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m.	Item 6 (a)	Health, human settlements and freshwater

Thursday, 19 May

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m.	Item 5	Education, science, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m. Item 6 (b) Toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes

Friday, 20 May

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m. Consideration of draft proposals under items 3, 4 and 5

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m. Consideration of draft proposals under items 6 (a) and (b)

Week of 23-27 May

Monday, 23 May

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m. Consideration of draft proposals under items 3, 4 and 5

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m. Consideration of draft proposals under items 6 (a) and (b)

Tuesday, 24 May

WORKING GROUP I

a.m. and p.m. Consideration of draft proposals under items 3, 4 and 5

WORKING GROUP II

a.m. and p.m. Consideration of draft proposals under items 6 (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 25 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 7 Other matters

Thursday, 26 May

a.m. and p.m. Item 8 High-level meeting

Friday, 27 May

a.m.	Item 8	Continued
p.m.	Item 8	Continued
	Item 9	Provisional agenda for the third session of the Commission
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Annex II

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(53 members; three-year term)

Membership in 1994	Term expires on 31 December
Algeria	1994
Antigua and Barbuda	1995
Australia	1994
Austria	1994
Barbados	1996
Belarus	1996
Belgium	1995
Benin	1994
Bolivia	1995
Brazil	1994
Bulgaria	1996
Burkina Faso	1995
Canada	1996
Chile	1995
China	1995
Colombia	1994
Cuba	1994
Czech Republic	1994
Egypt	1994
France	1994
Gabon	1995
Germany	1995
Guinea	1996
Hungary	1994
Iceland	1995
India	1996
Indonesia	1995
Italy	1996
Japan	1996
Malawi	1995
Malaysia	1996
Mexico	1996
Morocco	1996
Namibia	1995
Netherlands	1995
Nigeria	1994
Norway	1994
Pakistan	1995
Philippines	1994
Poland	1995
Republic of Korea	1995
Russian Federation	1995
Singapore	1994

Membership in 1994	Term expires on 31 December
Sri Lanka	1994
Tunisia	1995
Turkey	1995
Uganda	1996
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1996
United Republic of Tanzania	1996
United States of America	1996
Uruguay	1995
Vanuatu	1994
Venezuela	1996